



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

June 2, 2000

**H.R. 371  
Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000**

*As cleared by the Congress on May 23, 2000*

CBO estimates that H.R. 371 (enacted as Public Law 106-207) will result in a net budgetary impact of less than \$500,000 in any year.

H.R. 371 will relax the naturalization requirements relating to English language proficiency and knowledge of civics for certain Laotians and their spouses. The act will limit those eligible to apply under these relaxed standards to no more than 45,000 people who will have to apply for citizenship within 18 months of enactment. The naturalization fee is \$225, so enacting H.R. 371 will increase fees collected by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) by up to \$10 million, mostly in fiscal year 2001. We expect that the INS will spend the fees (without further appropriation), mostly in the year in which they are collected, so enacting H.R. 371 will result in a net budgetary impact of less than \$500,000 in any year.

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